

Amendments to the Claims

Kindly cancel claims 2-4.

Kindly amend claims 1 and 19.

Kindly add new claims 20 and 21.

1. (Currently amended) A high hardness, soft composite material which consists of an organic/inorganic composite material having comprising

at least 80% 60% by weight of inorganic components including an aggregate component of 2 to 70 mesh and a fine particle component of 100 mesh or smaller in a weight ratio of the aggregate component to the fine particle component of 1/10 to 10/1, and

20% 40% by weight or less of organic components, and which

wherein the composite material has a surface Vickers hardness, measured according to JIS Z 2244, of at least 400 and a radius of curvature R, at which the material is bendable without being broken, of at least R25 25-1,000 mm based on a platy plate-shaped body having a 3 to 15 mm thickness.

2-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously cancelled)

6. (Previously presented) The composite material according to claim 1, wherein the main component of the organic component is a curing resin.

7. (Previously presented) The composite material according to claim 6, wherein the main component resin of the organic component is a methacrylate resin.

8. (Previously presented) The composite material according to claim 6, wherein the organic component contains a plasticizer.

9. (Previously presented) The composite material according to claim 6, wherein the resin is contained by 6 to 15% by weight with respect to the total amount.

10. (Previously presented) The composite material according to claim 1, wherein a transparent component is contained at least as a part of the aggregate component.

11. (Previously presented) The composite material according to claim 1, wherein a transparent component with the surface covered with a pigment component is contained at least as a part of the aggregate component.

12. (Previously presented) The composite material according to claim 1, wherein a luminous material or a fluorescent material is contained.

13. (Previously presented) The composite material according to claim 1, wherein a flame retarder is contained.

14. (Previously presented) The composite material according to claim 1, wherein a pigment for coloring is contained in the organic component.

15. (Previously presented) The composite material according to claim 1, wherein an antibacterial agent is contained.

16. (Previously presented) The composite material according to claim 1, wherein the surface of a compact is treated by polishing, a water jet process, or a water jet process after polishing.

17. (Previously presented) The composite material according to claim 1, wherein the main component of the organic component is a methacrylate resin, to be cured by a combination of a polymethacrylate and at least one member selected from the group consisting of a methacrylate monomer, and an acrylate monomer.

18. (Previously presented) The composite material according to claim 17, wherein the polymethacrylate is a polymethyl methacrylate, the methacrylate monomer and the acrylate monomer is one selected from the group consisting of a methyl methacrylate, an ethylhexyl methacrylate, and an ethylhexyl acrylate.

19. (Currently amended) The composite material according to claim 1, wherein a force needed for a bending process of a platy plate-shaped body having a 3 to 15 mm thickness is 1 kgf/cm² or less.

20. (New) The composite material according to claim 1, wherein the aggregate component is at least one member selected from the group consisting of metal, natural stone and ore.

21. (New) The composite material according to claim 1, wherein the aggregate component is at least one member selected from the group consisting of granite, marble, metamorphic rock, quartz, feldspar, mica, molten silica, glass, metal and pottery.